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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM JIDDA DATED JULY 15, 1978
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMMAN, LONDON IS REPEATED
TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 5192

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (AMBASSADOR ATHERTON)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ATHERTON'S MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 172808 (B) STATE 174770 (C) AMMAN 5809

1. SAG IS ALREADY EXPECTING ATHERTON OR OTHER KEY U.S.
OFFICIAL TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA TO BRIEF THEM ON RESULTS OF
LONDON TALKS. IF IT IS CERTAIN THAT ATHERTON WILL BE
COMING INSTEAD OF SECRETARY, WE SUGGEST THAT WE BE ALLOWED
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TO START OFFICIAL PREPARATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE AND
ROYAL PROTOCOL. BUREAUCRACY IS SLOW HERE AND WE WILL NEED
TIME TO SATISFY PAPER REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION, IT WILL
NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REQUEST HOTEL SPACE IN TAIF WITHOUT
ROYAL PROTOCOL BEING AWARE OF IT. IN FACT, SPACE WILL BE
AT PREMIUM AND WE MAY HELP FROM ROYAL PROTOCOL TO
MAKE RESERVATIONS.

2. PLEASE SUPPLY PASSPORT DATA ON ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY.
ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY SHOULD OBTAIN SAUDI VISAS BEFORE
REPEAT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

3. FOR AMMAN: LOCAL TIME IN JIDDA IS GMT PLUS THREE.
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